



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3451

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct a storage building, trails, pedestrian bridge, and extend water, sewer and reclaimed water to the River Oaks Preserve to improve community access to the property. These improvements will allow the community organizations such as the Native Plant Society to partner with the Village to operate and maintain the property.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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The Village of Estero received \$539,968.96 in COVID-19 pandemic assistance and used those funds for cleaning services, audio/visual equipment, information technology, testing center, personal protection equipment and hand sanitizing equipment.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 2/23/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 8/22/2025

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The Village of Estero is the owner of the facility and will be the only entity receiving directly or indirectly, fixed capital outlay funding.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Appropriation funds will be used to hire a construction management and inspection (CEI) firm and a general contractor to construct the proposed improvements.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The goal of the project is to provide additional recreational activities and volunteering opportunities on the River Oaks Preserve property.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?



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c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Citizens will be provided additional recreational opportunities at the River Oaks Preserve.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The project is expected to service residents of Estero and southern Lee County.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The expected benefit from this project is increased physical activity by residents. The outcome will be measured by counting the number of people that visit the park after the project is complete.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The project construction bid documents will require a bond to cover the bid amount to ensure the contractor completes the project. The Village proposes to include liquidated damages in the project's construction contract.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Julia Juarez"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="JEJ & Associates Inc"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="lena@jejassoc.com"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(850)212-8330"/>

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?